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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING OBJECT ASSOCIATIONS
IN AN OBJECT ORIENTED ENVIRONMENT**

An apparatus and method for maintaining object associations in an object oriented environment is provided. The apparatus and method make use of value holders to enable a single method to perform the creation and/or update of object associations for all combinations of possible object associations including one to one associations, one to many associations, many to one and many to many associations.

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